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Work Vocabulary

Perks /pɜːks/ (N) - Rewards for employers which are not financial.

Example: Our company perks include free meals and a company car.

Incentive /ɪn'sentɪv/ (N) - Rewards offered to employees to motivate them to work harder.

Example: She was offered an incentive of an all-expenses paid holiday if she met the sales target.

Bonus /'bɒnəs/ (N) - Money given on top of a salary usually for achieving targets.

Example: The company offers production bonuses to those who meet their targets

Commission /kə'mɪʃən/ (N) - A payment to employees based on how much they sell.

Example: He gets 10% commission for every client who registers on the pension scheme.

Blue-collar /bluː-'kɒlə/ (Adj) - A type of work, usually in industry, that requires physical strength.

Example: My father was proud to be a blue-collar worker and worked in the auto industry for 20 years.

White-collar /'waɪt'kɒlə/ (Adj) - A type of work, usually in an office, that requires mental ability.

Example: The company plans to hire 50 new white-collar workers for their new office complex.

Work-life balance /wɜːk-laɪf 'bæləns/ (N) - To work hard and have time for a social life.

Example: Employees are working long hours now and it's difficult to have a positive work-life balance.

Zero-hours contract /'zɪərəʊ-'aʊəz 'kɒntrækt/ (N) - A job where the employer does not have to offer a fixed number of hours to their employee.

Example: Zero-hours contracts are very popular now in my country.

Team player /ti:m 'pleɪə/ (N) - Someone who works well with others and in a group.

Example: To be successful at this company, you need to be a team player and always listen to others.

Reliable (Adj) - Someone you can trust.

Example: She's very reliable. We can trust her to meet the deadline.

Work: Idioms

Work your fingers to the bone - To work incredibly hard.

Example: He worked his fingers to the bone, 12 hours a day, to meet the deadline.

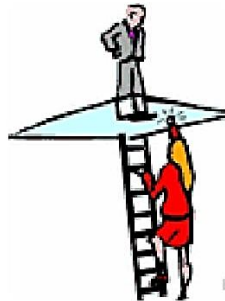


Think outside the box - To have original and creative ideas.

Example: To meet our client's demands, we will need to think outside the box and come up with something original.

Slack off - To do something with very little effort and enthusiasm.

Example: He used to meet every deadline, but recently he's been slacking off and has been late with all his assignments.



Glass ceiling - An unofficial barrier preventing promotion.

Example: She broke the glass ceiling when she became the first female company director.

Have a lot on your plate - To have a lot of work to do.

Example: We can't take on any new projects this year. We already have a lot on our plate.



Work for peanuts - To work for a very low salary.

Example: College students often take jobs where they work for peanuts to pay their tuition fees and living costs.